

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING CAL-CAIT RE-ZONE

Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the re-zone petition from Cal-Cait. Pavey asked for questions or comments from the public. Bridges asked what the future use of the property would be. Berkemeier said he **thought** it was storage buildings. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed. Bridges made a motion to approve the re-zone of the property from Residential to Commercial 1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 6, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

- A Department Head leadership meeting with Mike Harmless from Crowe Horwath has been scheduled for April 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the 201 Building.
- The Mayor and Jim Finan toured Pioneer.
- 26 planters are going to be placed on Main Street. The planters will be a cooperative effort by the City, ECDC, Chamber, The Heart of Rushville, and the Irish Committee.
- The Mayor and Chief Jenkins met with the Volunteer Fire Departments to discuss assistance with part time help.
- With the use of gators from Smith Implement Mayor Pavey, Jemmy Miller, Danny Mathews, and Aaron Gurley toured the walking trails and discussed improvements.
- Received a good report from Dr. Jackman regarding the work at the animal shelter. The adoption rate at the shelter is 93%.
- Councilman Smith had his first meeting today on the EIDD Board.
- The Mayor participated in random drug testing today.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley passed out updates for the Personnel Policy Handbook.

She also reported that they sold 2 items at the New Salem Lion's Club auction and received \$2,330.00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

Ag Marketing Program – Jim Finan stated that this program has to do with the zoning ordinance which designates residential development as well as ag development. Jim introduced John Nagle, a representative from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The program is called Indiana Livestock Friendly Counties. The mission at the Indiana Department of Agriculture is to make Indiana a worldwide leader in food, fuel and fiber production. This program is to help promote and achieve maximum efforts. This is a voluntary program. They are looking for Counties to support livestock, industry, and production in their County. They are asking for resolutions from the County and City in support of livestock industry in Rush County. This will allow the County to use the Livestock County name and logo. This program will not give a free pass to any industry or producer in the County. All State, Local, and Federal rules and regulations will have to be met regarding livestock production.

Berkemeier asked if any other Counties were involved. Nagel said not at this time.

Finan said the County will hold their public hearing April 9th at 9:30 at the Courthouse.

Bridges made a motion that the City adopt a resolution in support of this program. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Animal – Moran stated that there are some ordinances that need to be deleted since we no longer sell animal tags.

Moran reported that she is still waiting to hear back from Purdue.

She is still working on the volunteer program and has decided it may be better to work with kids a little older.

There was a good turn out with the program at Tractor Supply.

Fire – Jenkins informed the Board that there are several buildings that are unsafe and need to be demolished. He said we only have enough money in the budget to take one or two down. He has asked if the Street Department would be able to demolish some of these buildings, provided it is okay with the insurance company. Conner said he thought we should check with some of the contractors to see if they would be willing to donate some of their time and help with the demolition. Bridges said he thought there was some new legislation that would help to streamline this process. Pavey asked Conner if he would be

willing to discuss this with some of the contractors to see if they would be willing to help. Conner said he would.

Police – Assistant Chief Click said that they have installed a PDF form of the City ordinances in the police cars.

The AED's have arrived. They will be placed in the vehicles after they have been programmed.

The perimeter fencing arrived today.

Click stated that there have been several residential burglaries recently.

They have been going through the hiring process. On February 10, 19 applicants participated in the agility and written tests. This narrowed the field to 12 applicants. They will continue with the formal interview process and then the field will be narrowed down for second interviews which will include participation with the Board of Works members.

Street – Miller said the Board of Works gave permission to hire Jake Hadix for part time seasonal help at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Park – Mathews said the Board of Works gave permission to purchase one mower out of the non-reverting fund.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Small Business Development Center – Peggy Cenova addressed Council in regard to small businesses. She said they receive funds from SBA through a federal grant; they also receive money from the State. They have to match every dollar they receive from the Federal Government with local funds. Her task is to find those local dollars. Cenova said the purpose of the Small Business Development is to help small businesses build their business and look at their financials. Cenova said most services they provide are free to the public.

Energy Audit Results – Corey Meyer from Schmidt Associates reviewed the results of the energy audit with Council. Meyer said the Utility Plant consumes 62% of the City's energy. She said this is common in Indiana communities. She said they looked at buildings, utilities,

municipal owned fleet, vehicles, and policies. She said 20% of our utility consumption is being consumed by our street lights. That is a red flag. They have provided some recommendations for a potential savings, if all building and utility projects are implemented; there would be a potential annual utility savings of approximately \$15,200.00 or 5%. This does not include street lights. This report is a helpful tool when applying for future grants.

Berkemeier questioned the issue with the street lights. Meyer said this could merely be a contract issue and not a product issue. She suggested that the City check with our provider.

8th & Maple Traffic Study – Click passed out a report of the traffic study that was conducted in the area by the Police Department. In a review of the crash data it was determined that the last crash incident was in 2007. They looked at the average speed of traffic and the amount of children using the bus stop. The report indicated that a stop sign was not justified to be placed at the intersection at this time.

Smith thanked Click for the report. He said that there were at least half dozen residents that had requested a stop sign in this area. He said he would like to share this report with the residents and give them an opportunity to voice their concerns at the next meeting.

Brackney Settlement - The settlement agreement in the law suit with Brackney is approximately \$13,000.00. We can use approximately \$8,000.00 from the retainage account. The City will need to come up with approximately \$5,000.00. The Board of Works agreed to pay the \$8,000.00 from the retainage and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to review the budget for the remaining \$5,000.00.

Comprehensive Plan – Our Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated in order for us to move forward with application for the Stellar Grant. Joe Rathz has volunteered to update the Plan.

321 West 7th Street – The Mayor received notification that the Church next door is interested in obtaining ownership of the property. A hearing regarding tax sale is scheduled for April 4th.

Ordinance 2012-8 Utility Surcharge – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-8. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16th Street Update - Pavey said he has been in discussion with Bungee regarding a right of way on the final piece of property. This will be an active railroad crossing as requested by the schools. Bungee will maintain the crossing. We will reimburse for the tree trimming as part of the CSX policy. They will put down gravel for a walking path along the rail. Conner asked if the tree trimming would be a onetime thing. Pavey said yes it would.

Pavey also said the train will park up north between County Road 200 N and 300 N.

Bridges made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approval – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER